

REMARKS

Claims 1-8 and 11-29 are pending in the present application. The pending claims are unamended by this response. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the pending claims in view of the remarks set forth below.

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1-8, 11-18, 27, and 28 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Chen (U.S. 5,982,760). Applicant respectfully submits that, since the inventive entity of the present application and the prior art reference of Chen are the same, Applicant respectfully submits that the Chen reference is not a reference "by another," and, therefore, does not qualify as prior art under § 102(e) (note MPEP 706.02(f)). Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that the aforementioned § 102(e) rejection made by the Examiner is improper, and all pending claims are allowable thereover.

REQUEST FOR ALLOWANCE

In view of the foregoing, Applicant submits that all pending claims in the application are patentable. Accordingly, reconsideration and allowance of this application are earnestly solicited. Should any issues remain unresolved, the Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned at the number provided below.

Respectfully submitted,

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